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I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mrs. Carol Chandler on this award and recognizing her contributions to the Central Valley community.

RECOMMENDING THAT THE HOUSE
FIND STEPHEN K. BANNON IN
CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as a senior member of the Committees on the Judiciary, on Homeland Security, and on the Budget, I rise in support of the rule governing debate for H. Res. 730, "Resolution Recommending that the House of Representatives Find Stephen K. Bannon in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with a Subpoena Duly Issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol."

On January 6th the domestic terrorists who beat law enforcement officers and breached the Citadel of democracy of the United States wore insignias of White supremacist groups, waved Confederate flags, hung a noose on the lawn, and they were shouting racial epithets.

According to published reports and his own public statements, Mr. Bannon had specific knowledge about the events planned for January 6th before they occurred: just before the day of the attack, Mr. Bannon told his listeners:

All hell is going to break loose tomorrow. . . . It's not going to happen like you think it's going to happen. OK, it's going to be quite extraordinarily different. All I can say is, strap in . . . You made this happen and tomorrow it's game day. So strap in. Let's get ready. So many people said, 'Man, if I was in a revolution, I would be in Washington.' Well this is your time in history.

At 12:15 p.m. on January 6th he said to the assembled multitude on the Ellipse: "You will never take back our country with weakness."

Less than an hour later, at 1:10 p.m., he admonished the crowd: "We fight like hell, and if you don't fight like hell you will not have a country anymore."

At 2:11 p.m. the Trump-incited mob breached police lines on the west side of the Capitol.

Madam Speaker, the assault on the U.S. Capitol by domestic terrorists and insurrectionists rightly takes its place as one of the darkest moments in our Nation's history since the Civil War.

Madam Speaker, the January 6th insurrection caused tragic loss of life and many injuries, while leaving behind widespread physical damage to the Capitol Complex and emotional trauma for Members, Congressional employees, and the Capitol Police.

It bears repeating often that the Congress and the Nation owe undying gratitude to the

men and women who answered the call of constitutional duty and heroically won the day on that bloody and deadly afternoon.

Madam Speaker, the domestic terrorists and seditionists who attacked the Capitol Building on January 6, 2021 were not, as some of their ardent defenders and apologists across the aisle have stated falsely, on a "normal tour visit"; nor was their effort to lay siege to the Capitol and disrupt the processes of government an act of persons who love their country.

And it is absurd to suggest that it was a celebration of the United States and what it stands for when the leading edge of terrorists desecrated the Capitol by offensively parading the treasonous Confederate flag through the building and when, because of their insurrection, several members of law enforcement made the supreme sacrifice and scores more were seriously injured.

Madam Speaker, we owe it not just to those who lost their lives during that day, but to all Americans to figure out exactly what happened and how that day came to be.

We must understand that day in order to prevent the intended purpose of the January 6th insurrection—to disrupt the Joint Meeting of Congress to tally the votes of presidential electors and announce the results to the Nation and the world—from ever occurring again, because it was the greatest threat to the American Experiment since the Civil War when the pro-slavery forces decided to make war rather than let the Nation survive and the pro-freedom forces would accept war rather than let the Nation perish.

The Select Committee has diligently continued in their duty to determine the causes and events that transpired during the insurrectionist attack.

Specifically, the Select Committee's purposes include:

To investigate and report upon the facts, circumstances, and causes "relating to the January 6, 2021 domestic terrorist attack upon the United States Capitol Complex;"

To investigate and report upon the facts, circumstances, and causes "relating to the interference with the peaceful transfer of power;" and

To investigate and report upon the facts, circumstances, and causes relating to "the influencing factors that fomented such an attack on American representative democracy while engaged in a constitutional process."

In line with these purposes, the Select Committee requested information from Mr. Bannon central to its legislative purpose:

On September 23, 2021, Chairman THOMPSON signed and transmitted a subpoena to Mr. Bannon, ordering the production of both documents and testimony relevant to the January 6th attack on the Capitol.

The subpoena required Mr. Bannon to produce the documents on October 7 and required his presence for deposition testimony on October 14.

Mr. Bannon simply defied the subpoena—failing to produce the documents on October 7 and failing to show up for the deposition on October 14.

In a letter to Mr. Bannon's counsel on October 15, Chairman THOMPSON noted that Mr. Bannon had not even attempted to provide the Select Committee any explanation for refusing to comply with the Select Committee's demand for documents and testimony on a range of subjects that do not involve communications with the former President.

An individual who fails or refuses to comply with a House subpoena may be cited for contempt of Congress, and in his October 8th letter to Mr. Bannon's counsel, Chairman THOMPSON warned Mr. Bannon that his continued non-compliance would put him in jeopardy of a vote to refer him to the House to consider a criminal contempt referral.

Mr. Bannon's failure to appear for deposition or produce responsive documents in the face of this clear advisement and warning by the Chairman constitutes willful failure to comply with the subpoena.

The purpose behind seeking this information is because Mr. Bannon played a central role in organizing the January 6th attack on the Capitol, and understanding this role is essential to understanding the context in which the January 6th attack occurred.

Mr. Bannon constructed and participated in the "stop the steal" public relations effort that motivated the January 6th attack.

Mr. Bannon planned political and other activities in advance of January 6th.

Mr. Bannon participated in a "war room" of promoters and prominent supporters of the "stop the steal" movement that met on January 5th.

Mr. Bannon communicated with President Trump several times in advance of the January 6th attack, urging him to take measures to interfere with the count of electoral votes and to make January 6th a day of reckoning.

In fact, according to published reports and his own public statements, Mr. Bannon had specific knowledge about the events planned for January 6th before they occurred: just before the day of the attack, Mr. Bannon urged his listeners:

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In sum, Mr. Bannon appears to have played a multi-faceted role in the events of the January 6th attack and the American people are entitled to hear his first-hand testimony regarding his actions.

As recognized by the Supreme Court, "The power of the Congress to conduct investigations is inherent in the legislative process," and that the subpoena power is a "public duty, which every person within the jurisdiction of the Government is bound to perform when properly summoned."

The contempt of Congress statute makes clear that a witness summoned before Congress must appear or be "deemed guilty of a misdemeanor" punishable by a fine of up to \$100,000 and imprisonment for up to one year.

Further, the Supreme Court has emphasized that the subpoena power is a "public duty, which every person within the jurisdiction of the Government is bound to perform when properly summoned."

The Supreme Court also recently reinforced this clear obligation by stating that "when Congress seeks information needed for intelligent legislative action, it unquestionably remains the duty of all citizens to cooperate."

Mr. Bannon has relied on no legal authority to support his refusal to comply in any fashion with the subpoena.

Mr. Bannon's refusal to comply with the subpoena is ostensibly based on his decision to "honor [former President Trump's] invocation of executive privilege."

However, not only has former President Trump had no direct communication with the Select Committee, but also the Select Committee has not received any formal invocation of executive privilege from former President Trump as to Mr. Bannon.

The Select Committee is seeking information from Mr. Bannon on a wide range of subjects that clearly cannot be covered by an assertion of executive privilege.

Mr. Bannon was a private citizen during the relevant period and the testimony and documents the Select Committee is demanding do not concern discussion of official government matters with the President and his immediate advisors.

In sum, there is no reasonable argument that Mr. Bannon's communications with the President regarding January 6th are the type of matters on which executive privilege can be asserted.

Finally, there is no conceivable assertion that executive privilege could apply to other information sought that does not constitute communications with Mr. Trump during his presidency.

Beyond communications between Mr. Bannon and Mr. Trump, the Select Committee seeks documents and testimony from Mr. Bannon regarding his own actions and interactions with other private citizens relating to the events of January 6th.

In light of this, rather than comply with Congress' inherent powers, and help heal the trauma this Nation witnessed on January 6th, Mr. Bannon has simply refused to comply with the Select Committee's subpoena.

Madam Speaker, this should not be a partisan issue; it is the very power of Congress to investigate matters of issue that is at stake.

For this reason, I rise in support of the rule governing debate for H. Res. 730, "Resolution Recommending that the House of Representatives Find Stephen K. Bannon in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with a Subpoena Duly Issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol," and I encourage my colleagues to do the same.

RECOGNIZING HOWARD UNIVERSITY MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 22, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate the Howard University Medical Alumni Association (HUMAA) on its 150th anniversary.

Founded in 1871, HUMAA is one of the oldest medical alumni associations in the country and consists of more than 5,000 alumni.

In the 1957–58 school year, it granted its first scholarship, \$550. In recent years, HUMAA has been awarding \$200,000 annually in scholarships.

Today, HUMAA's mission is to promote the mutual professional interests of the graduates of the Howard University College of Medicine

(HUCM), assist in the development of HUCM's programs and support the welfare of HUCM's students.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing HUMAA for 150 years of providing education and networking opportunities for the alumni and students of HUCM. I wish them many more years of success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JODEY C. ARRINGTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 22, 2021

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present for one of Wednesday's votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 319.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ANDREW G. URAM

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 22, 2021

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Andrew G. Uram, who passed away on October 3, 2021 at the age of 100.

Growing up during the Great Depression, Andrew displayed an incredible work ethic and selflessness at a young age. His widowed mother, despite the privation of the times, instilled in him the belief that it was better to give than to receive—a belief that would come to define Andrew's life. He graduated from Butler High School in 1937 and went to work for Armco Steel, clocking in as much as possible. Following America's entrance into World War II, Andrew put his career on hold and joined the U.S. Navy, serving as an Aviation Cadet.

After returning from service in 1945, Andrew went to work for Metropolitan Life as an agent. In just a few years, he was promoted to the company's field training division in New York City. In 1955, the company sent Andrew to Washington County, Pennsylvania to serve as a district manager in charge of 35 agents and 10 clerks. At the time, he was the company's youngest manager. In 1969, Andrew was hired as vice president at Mellon Bank's Washington branch. At 65, he retired from banking and transitioned to commercial real estate.

While he had a distinguished and successful professional life, Andrew would be the first to tell you his true passion was giving. Andrew became deeply involved with the Washington County Community Chest in 1956. By the mid-1960s, following their transition to the United Way, he was already bringing in \$1 million for the organization. Andrew was also Chairman of the Catawba District of the Boy Scouts of America, President and Paul Harris Fellow of the Washington Rotary Club, Director of the Greater Washington Area Chamber of Commerce, and District Governor of Rotary.

Andrew truly left his mark on southwestern Pennsylvania. He was instrumental in securing the donation of Heritage Reservation, where local Boy Scouts have camped for generations. Andrew also helped build the current home of the Citizen's Library in Washington.

The community consistently honored Andrew for his generosity and leadership. The Jaycees gave him and his late wife, Julie, the Distinguished Service Award. The Boy Scouts named Andrew a Silver Beaver, their highest local honor. The Rotary Club of Washington not only gave him an international service award, but it also named the award in his honor. Notably, Andrew was named Philanthropist of the Year in 2016.

Madam Speaker, Andrew Uram was an incredibly accomplished community leader, philanthropist, and one of the kindest people in Washington County. It was a privilege to have known him. Andrew is survived by his sons James, Paul, Thomas, and Matthew, as well as his grandchildren, Brooke and Andrew. Please join me and the Uram family in celebrating his life.

IN SUPPORT OF RULE GOVERNING DEBATE OF H.R. 3110, PUMP FOR NURSING MOTHERS ACT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 22, 2021

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support H.R. 3110, the "Pump for Nursing Mothers Act," which will close an unintentional loophole in the 2010 Break Time for Nursing Mothers Act.

The 2010 law requires employers to provide break time and a place for hourly wage-earning and some salaried employees to express breast milk at work for one year after the birth of the employee's child.

Unfortunately, this law unintentionally excluded a quarter of all working women—nearly nine million employees—from protection.

H.R. 3110 closes this coverage gap by extending the law's protections to cover salaried employees as well as other categories of employees currently exempted from protections, such as teachers, nurses, and farmworkers.

H.R. 3110 would also provide employers clarity on paid and unpaid pumping time.

The bill leaves in place existing law protecting many salaried workers from having their pay docked and clarifies that employers must pay an hourly employee for any time spent pumping if the employee is also working.

Lastly, the bill would ensure that nursing mothers have access to remedies that are available for other violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, women with children are the fastest-growing segment of the workforce, and balancing work and family is an important priority for all employees.

More than 80 percent of new mothers in the United States begin breastfeeding, 1 and 6 in every 10 new mothers are in the workforce.

New parents face an incredible amount of increased difficulties while juggling work, family and mental and emotional tolls that are exacerbated as a new parent.

According to a study published in *Reviews in Obstetrics and Gynecology*, breastfeeding provides health benefits for not only infants, but also for mothers.

For mothers, abstaining from breastfeeding has been associated with an increase in developing various types of cancers, type 2 diabetes, heart attacks, retained gestational